THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) maintains data pertaining to cases registered under the Dowry Prohibition Act and female foeticide. The number of cases under the Dowry Prohibition Act showed a rise from 2684 in 2003 to 3592 in 2004 but fell to 3204 in 2005. The number of cases registered for female foeticide rose from 57 in 2003 to 86 in 2004 and was the same for 2005. The NCRB does not maintain dis-aggregated communitry-wise data on such cases.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Questions do not arise.

Tribal land in Chhattisgarh

639. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether section 170 (b) of Revenue Act has been made applicable only and selectively to lands owned by 250 odd christian organizations owned and managed by tribals and for benefits of tribals, in Jasspur district of Chhattisgarh;

(b) what happens to tribal land owned by non-tribals who are using the same for commercial purposes and also very often for exploitative purposes;

(c) when will Government of Chhattisgarh return the tribal lands taken over by such non-tribals; and

(d) the reasons for the State Government being so harsh selectively with the minority organizations, who have done tremendous amount of service from pre-Independence days?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected.

Investment in renewable energy sector

640. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Special Purpose Vehicle proposed by Government

for setting up of Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for renewable energy products; and

(b) the steps Government are taking to encourage investment in renewable energy sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) There is no intention on the part of the Government at this juncture to form a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for setting up of a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for renewable energy products. However, the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency, a non-banking financial company under the administrative control of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, is envisaging the formation of an SPV for setting up, maintaining and running of an SEZ for renewable energy products.

(b) To encourage private investment in renewable energy sector, fiscal and financial incentives are being provided that include capital/interest subsidy, accelerated depreciation, concessional duties and relief from taxes. These apart, preferential tariff for grid-interactive power is being given in most potential States. District-level Advisory Committees have been also constituted in States to facilitate effective coordination of renewable energy schemes/programmes in the country.

Installation of solar heater systems

641. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to install solar heaters in 3.5 million homes;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating those that are proposed to be installed in Orissa;

(c) whether India has availability of solar energy up to 300 days a year in various parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the status of Orissa in the solar sector and what is the action plan of Government to develop this sector in this backward region?